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1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Pierre Salinger conducted the pre-Presidential Press Conference last evening at the White House.
3. Question was raised as to what the President would say if queried about a reported nuclear explosion in Red China. AEC said that until the intelligence community makes its report, they would recommend that the President say he had not seen the report. I said I had not been informed of this and knew nothing about it.
4. State reported that the United Nations agricultural aid to Cuba was decided by Paul Hoffman, who said that because of the conditions covering such matters, he would take no other action.
5. Question was raised as to whether the White House has learned the identity of "official" sources of intelligence leaks to Senator Keating. I said I could tell them where he didn't get the information; he didn't get it from the CIA.
6. Salinger said the President will likely make some statements regarding the New York newspaper strike. The White House has information that only several dollars' difference exists in the printers' demands and the publishers' offer. He expressed the personal belief that the printers must give, and that if they would take a \$12 increase, rather than the \$19 that they are asking, and would drop their 35-hour week demand, the strike could be ended at once.
7. State remarked on the possibility of the President being asked about IIA's refusal to unload Polish ships as a result of Poland shipping to Cuba. State said that confidentially they are concerned and had discussed this with Mr. Meaney.
8. Defense reported that the 40,000 troops reduction in Germany was a question before Secretary McNamara, and he would have to check further with him. Later, Defense issued a statement saying that 15,000 service troops had been returned, and that there are no plans to return combat troops and no plans to return any more service troops during the fiscal year.
9. A series of questions that might be asked covered the use of naval bases in Spain and Italy by Polaris Submarines, the Malayan Federation-Indonesian situation, many questions on Cuba, Canada, Congo, DeGaulle, as well as questions on Mrs. Ted Kennedy's story in a forthcoming issue of LOOK which states the President, because of his back injury, is unable to lift his 35-pound son, and the possibility of some kidding questions regarding Salinger's backing out of the planned hike.

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Col. Grogan, there is no problem in
connection with para 12, so no action
necessary.